

dependent community, instituting a program to closely monitor dosage of medication and evaluation of patient progress. As part of the program, she also upgraded the hospital's system for documenting or recording nurses' interventions or admissions notes. She also encouraged greater participation in the hospital's drug addiction classes by holding teaching sessions in the hospital's lobby. Special emphasis was placed on intervention for drug addicts and alcohol dependent clients who were pregnant.

In 1989, Gloria moved to Coney Island Hospital where she focused on the facility's "Drug Free Clientele Program." As a clinical therapist, she identified clients with drug and alcohol problems and referred them to an in-house drug free program. She shared her work with the March of Dimes Foundation, which used some of the information as part of a paper on birth defects. In the late 1990s when Gloria retired, her main focus became helping her daughter who is following in her mother's footsteps by working as a nurse at Coney Island Hospital.

However, Gloria continues to be an asset to her community through her volunteer work. She volunteers at Samuel J. Tilden High School, where she conducts conflict management intervention groups and sessions on alternative ways of dealing with angry students. She also helped establish a scholarship fund for two consecutive years for four students entering the health administration field of study from Tilden. Gloria's volunteer service also extends to several other community-based organizations such as the Caribbean Women United for Social and Political Action (CWUSPA) and the Caribbean Women's Association. Additionally, she has served as Secretary and Chairperson for the Social Service Committee on Community Board 17. Gloria holds the position of 1st Vice-President at Dr. Susan McKinney Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Auxiliary and has been the Chairperson of the Community Advisory Board for the past three years. As Chairperson, she served as a member of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation Council of Community Advisory Board.

She is an active member of the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and is one of the founding members and the first president of the Health Guild. During her presidency, she raised \$23,000 for the church. She also holds a certificate from the New York Theological Seminary for assisting her priest with his Doctorate of Divinity Degree. Currently, she assists the priest-in-charge in coordinating annual services to honor the 67th precinct with the goal of fostering a better relationship between the police and community.

Mr. Speaker, Gloria Miller has dedicated her life to helping her fellow community members. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

THOMPSON CANCER SURVIVAL
CENTER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share with you and the House news

from my district that will offer life-saving technology to people across our Nation.

Thompson Cancer Survival Center in Knoxville, Tennessee, recently received state-of-the-art equipment that experts say will revolutionize cancer treatment. The \$2.9 million TomoTherapy unit allows doctors to deliver radiation treatments more accurately, and with far fewer side effects, than traditional treatment.

TomoTherapy is especially effective for cancers of the prostate, neck, head and spinal cord, and other cancers that are near sensitive organs or structures. Doctors at Thompson will begin treating patients with TomoTherapy this spring, making them the first in the Nation to benefit from this new technology.

Thompson's TomoTherapy unit is one of only nine in the world, and so far only six U.S. hospitals are slated to receive this life-saving equipment. This means people from across our Nation and around the world will look to East Tennessee for help in battling cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Thompson Cancer Survival Center for this latest victory in the fight against cancer.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KYLEE
SMITH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Kylee Smith of Montrose, Colorado. Through Kylee's diligent efforts, numerous Cottonwood Elementary School students have developed a love for physical fitness that will allow the students to reap many benefits for the rest of their lives.

Kylee has created an innovative program called "Shape Up Across Colorado" to encourage her students to participate in physical activity. The program, which has been in place since 1991, uses 400 squares, each representing a square mile in a model of the State of Colorado. As children advance through numerous levels of activities, they are allowed to fill in corresponding squares. Using this program, the students are able to see their progress while they participate in activities they love, such as running outside, and playing in the playground. Kylee has really taught her students how to love physical exercise as well as being in the outdoors.

Earlier this year, Colorado Governor Bill Owens honored Mrs. Smith for her efforts to teach children about the benefits of physical education. She was presented with the "Shape Up Colorado Teacher of the Year" award from the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and the Colorado Foundation for Physical Fitness. Kylee, who is proud to live in Colorado with its great outdoor resources, believes that programs like this one will help my state become the nation's leader in physical fitness.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand before you, this body of Congress, and this nation today to honor Kylee Smith. Mrs. Smith has inspired her students to participate in vital lifelong, and life sustaining, physical exercise. The children of Montrose are lucky to have such a wonderful resource helping

and guiding them to healthier lives. I applaud Kylee Smith for her efforts.

A TRIBUTE TO ROXANNE PERSAUD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Roxanne Persaud in recognition of her commitment to her community.

Roxanne was born in Georgetown, Guyana. The eldest child of Kenrick and Yvonne Persaud, she immigrated to the United States after graduating from high school. Upon arriving in the United States, she immediately enrolled in an adult after school program. Currently, she holds degrees in Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Education. Roxanne is in the process of completing her Master of Science Degree in Information Systems.

In August 1984, Roxanne began a part-time job at Pace University's Undergraduate Registrar's office. With no previous background in this area, she set out to learn all of the functions and task of the office. Today, she is the Senior Degree Audit Coordinator.

Roxanne is the Treasurer of the Organization for Social and Health Advancement in Guyana (OSHAG), a member of the 69th Precinct Community Council in Canarsie, Brooklyn, and an advisor for the Caribbean Students Association at Pace University, New York City campus. In addition, she is a member of the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club.

In November 2002, Roxanne and members of OSHAG visited Guyana with a team of doctors representing Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn. Representatives from the American Cancer Society as well as HIV/AIDS specialists from representing Young Adult Institute were on the team. While in South America, the doctors conducted a medical workshop for Guyanese doctors on current cancer treatments and hosted a two-day conference for health care professionals, university students, and other members of the public. Throughout the trip, team members also provided other outreach services to the public as needed. Finally, the group cosponsored a cancer walk in collaboration with the Guyana Cancer Society. The team will be returning to Guyana again in 2003 to continue this mission.

On March 30, 2003, Roxanne and the members of OSHAG in collaboration with a Volunteer Youth Corp in Guyana will be launching a Big Brother/Big Sister mentoring initiative in Guyana. This will be the first of its kind in the South America region.

In addition to volunteering, Roxanne enjoys traveling and reading when she finds the time. She is thankful for her parents, siblings, colleagues, and Henry and Josephine Bolus' support, which has been essential in helping her accomplish so much.

Mr. Speaker, Roxanne Persaud is committed to community service and improving the lives of those in her own community and abroad. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.